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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The national and Illinois chapters of the League of Women Voters were formed 95 years ago after women received the right to vote; and

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WHEREAS, The League of Women Voters is a grass roots organization dedicated to registering voters, informing the voting public, and fostering the civic and political life of the communities it serves; and

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WHEREAS, The League of Women Voters has a history of advocating for positive change, basing its positions on a foundation of research and fact; and

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WHEREAS, Modeled after the example of the national and State chapters, the League of Women Voters of McLean County was formed in 1933 by Florence Fifer Bohrer; the organization has since led studies on such important civic matters as mental health, water resources, affordable housing, property tax caps, a graduated income tax, changes to procedure for establishing legislative districts, and the ward system in Bloomington; and

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WHEREAS, The McLean County League will launch new studies on affordable housing, effective and efficient government, and

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1 recreational opportunities for youth in 2015 and 2016; and

2 WHEREAS, The McLean County League continues to engage in  
3 the civic education of young voters and the mentoring of  
4 students through its classroom visits and Juliana Sullivan  
5 Memorial Scholarship; and

6 WHEREAS, The McLean County League continues to serve as  
7 poll watchers, observers of local government entities, and  
8 voter registrars; and

9 WHEREAS, The McLean County League each year sponsors  
10 several community programs on topics of vital concern to the  
11 community, such as school funding and the justice system; the  
12 League also sponsors candidate forums as a way of educating the  
13 voting public on the positions of candidates for local, State,  
14 and national office; and

15 WHEREAS, The McLean County League has cooperated with  
16 partner organizations, such as the Chamber of Commerce, to  
17 encourage citizens to run for office; and

18 WHEREAS, The McLean County League is the third largest in  
19 the State of Illinois; and

20 WHEREAS, The McLean County League was recently recognized

1 with an award from the American Civil Liberties Union; the  
2 League also recently received a Community Impact Award for its  
3 study on mental health; and

4 WHEREAS, The McLean County League experienced a 50% growth  
5 in its membership over the past year; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
7 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
8 commend the national and Illinois chapters of the League of  
9 Women Voters on its 95 years of service to the voters of the  
10 nation and State and congratulate the McLean County League of  
11 Women Voters for its past achievements and ongoing work to  
12 educate and advocate; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
14 presented to the McLean County League of Women Voters as a  
15 symbol of our respect and esteem.